

work with parental choice in schools in the Hurricane's aftermath that basically destroyed a lot of public school infrastructure. We had been personal friends ever since that first meeting.

Robbie helped lead a "Phoenix from the ashes" movement in the New Orleans schools. The success was due to the need to throw away the old bureaucracy, rules, and the attitude that the schools existed for the adults in them rather than for the kids. Robbie helped turn that all-around, attracting national attention for the model. He devoted hundreds of hours annually to improving New Orleans public schools and the lives of the students attending them. He was an unapologetic advocate for inner-city students attending Lafayette Academy and Esperanza Charter School. He served as a board member for the Choice Foundation where he was both the Vice Chairman and Executive Committee member. Robbie served on many other boards and committees, each with a goal to improve and enhance the economic environment or educational opportunity of his community.

Robbie was a man of high character and integrity. He had a servant's heart for his community and those who live in it. His love for New Orleans and its culture was evident in his words and actions. Robbie was an art, architecture, and history enthusiast. He loved to travel the country and world meeting new people and experiencing different cultures. He was a friend to many people and an advocate for more. His obituary was correct in all respects, including that he indeed was a terrible driver.

Robbie leaves Barbara, his beloved wife of 34 years, his daughter and son, and many other family and friends to carry on his legacy of service to their communities. Anyone who knew him well knows what a great loss his passing is for New Orleans and our nation. Rest in peace Robbie, you will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE ANTHONY BEILENSEN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2017

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of the Honorable Anthony C. Beilenson—father, husband, grandfather, California legislator, and United States Congressman—who passed away on March 5, 2017.

Tony Beilenson grew up in New Rochelle, New York. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1957, he moved to Los Angeles to practice law in the film industry. Always striving to give back to the world and do as much good as possible, Tony decided to forgo his legal practice to serve the public and he was elected to the California State Assembly in 1962. In 1966, he continued his service to the people of California and was elected to the State Senate.

During his tenure in the California State Legislature, Tony worked hard to protect the environment and reproductive rights, and was respected by his colleagues regardless of party for his unparalleled collegiality and civility when working to address the most chal-

lenging issues of his time. He was widely known for voting and acting according to his thoughtful and well-informed conscience, which inspired his colleagues to eschew partisanship and elevate constructive discourse.

Tony continued his legacy of effective and impactful lawmaking when he was elected in 1976 to serve in Congress, representing parts of the San Fernando Valley, Thousand Oaks and Agoura Hills. He will forever be remembered for his landmark 1978 legislation that established the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, protecting part of Southern California's most treasured natural landscape for future generations to explore and enjoy.

As a Member of Congress, Tony fought hard to support environmental initiatives such as the Clean Air Act and securing funding for the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Refuge and Lake Balboa Park, which was renamed the Anthony C. Beilenson Park in 1998. He was a powerful advocate for reducing government waste and promoting efficiency. Tony's former colleagues share a deep respect for the integrity, class, and sensibility that he championed throughout his tenure in office.

Tony is survived by his wife, Dolores; his sons, Adam and Peter; his daughter Dayna; and nine grandchildren. I hope that his family will take comfort in the remarkable legacy that he established at every turn of his life as an accomplished public servant. May his memory be a blessing to us all.

HONORING MR. BRENDEN SHIPLEY WITH THE 2017 CONGRESSIONAL AWARD

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2017

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to honor Mr. Brenden Shipley of West Palm Beach with the Congressional Award of Bronze and Silver Medals. Since 1979, the Congressional Award has inspired our nation's youth to set and achieve personally challenging goals that build character and foster community service. Recipients are committed to bettering themselves and to giving back to the communities in which they reside. It is the fulfilling of that commitment, which makes these young people so extraordinary.

Mr. Shipley took on the challenge of earning two medals: Bronze and Silver. Earning these awards requires a minimum of 400 hours of community service. He served his community by volunteering at the Kids Cancer Foundation, tutoring kids in math, cleaning the football field at school, and helping one of his friends move into his new home. In addition, he learned how to build a house and commercial buildings, and improved his physical fitness for his senior year football season by weightlifting and boxing. Furthermore, Mr. Shipley planned a seventeen day trip to France, England, Ireland, and Wales to immerse himself in an unfamiliar culture and to develop a spirit of adventure.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said that: "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." I believe that Mr.

Brenden Shipley is a remarkable young man who exemplifies that true character. I am honored to present him with the 2017 Congressional Award for Bronze and Silver Medals, and to recognize him for all of his hard work in the West Palm Beach community. I wish him much success in all of his future endeavors.

AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 2017

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, on March 25, 1966—51 years ago, this past Saturday—Dr. King spoke these words: "Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and the most inhuman because it often results in physical death."

We came to this floor to fight TrumpCare last week with the moral force of Dr. Martin Luther King's words in our heart. Affordable health care is a civil right; a fundamental right for every American. As we remember Dr. King's wisdom, as we debated this bill: we did so in tribute to our colleague BOBBY RUSH's late wife, Carolyn Rush. Carolyn was active in the civil rights movement, and she was a champion for Americans' health care. Her funeral was Saturday, the 51st anniversary of Dr. King's words. We were proud to honor Carolyn Rush's memory by saving the Affordable Care Act from repeal and protecting the health of the American people.

Speaker RYAN called this bill an "act of mercy." There is no mercy here. Indeed, inequality and inhumanity is exactly what TrumpCare has in store for the American people.

Sister Simone Campbell said: "This is not the faithful way forward and must be rejected." The Catholic Health Association wrote: "We strongly encourage the full House to reject this 'replacement' bill." As the United Methodist Church said, opposing TrumpCare: "People will die because of efforts like this to roll back health care." Lutheran Services in America said TrumpCare "will jeopardize the health care and long term services and supports of millions of Americans." The Episcopal Church says TrumpCare "falls woefully short of our spiritual calling to care for the 'least of these,' as well as the noble values upon which our great nation was founded."

Rather than an act of mercy, TrumpCare is a moral monstrosity that will devastate seniors, children and hard-working Americans. I grant our Republican friends their position. I respect them and their constituents who sent them here. But I do not accept the wrong priorities in TrumpCare—tax cuts for the rich at the expense of tens of millions of working families across America.

TrumpCare spotlights the difference in the priorities of the Democrats and Republicans in Congress—whether we in Congress believe in a public role in meeting the needs of the American people. It is about governance itself. Trumpcare is consistent with the Ryan budget that destroys the Medicare guarantee. It is a step forward in the long-standing Republican belief that Medicare should "wither on the

vine;" that Medicaid should be shrunken; that Social Security should be privatized.

If you believe we have a role and a responsibility to protect the health and wellbeing of the American people, you must reject the bill before us now. Here's how TrumpCare hurts the American people:

1. Higher Costs—TrumpCare forces families to pay higher premiums and deductibles, increasing out-of-pocket costs.

2. Less Coverage—TrumpCare will take away health care from 24 million hard-working Americans.

3. Key Protections Gutted—TrumpCare eradicates Essential Health Benefits, such as maternity, prescription drug and emergency coverage—functionally destroying protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions.

4. A Crushing Age Tax—TrumpCare forces Americans aged 50–64 to pay premiums five times higher than what others pay for health coverage, no matter how healthy they are.

5. Steals from Medicare—TrumpCare shortens the life of the Medicare Trust Fund and ransacks funds that seniors depend on to get the long-term care they need.

Republicans' bill would increase costs and cut coverage for millions of Americans, while leaving coverage for Members of Congress untouched. And as bad as TrumpCare was already, in the middle of the night Republicans made it even worse.

TrumpCare would make being a woman a pre-existing condition again. Stripping guaranteed maternity care is a pregnancy tax, pure and simple. Under Trumpcare, Americans will be forced to pay extra for hospital coverage; prescription drug coverage; rehab, pregnancy, maternity, newborn and pediatric care. When Republicans eradicate essential health benefits, they are destroying the protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions—no matter if they are covered through the marketplace or their employer.

If Republicans have their way, families, seniors, vulnerable children, Americans with disabilities, people struggling to overcome addiction and the sick will lose their health care. Rural hospitals will be closed and nearly 2 million jobs will be destroyed across America. Millions of veterans will lose access to tax credits for health care. All of this to give another massive tax for the richest in America.

TrumpCare is a billionaire's tax cut disguised as a health care bill. It is Robin Hood in reverse—one of the largest transfers of wealth from working families to the rich in our history. We honor the vision of our founders, who risked everything to advance the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; a healthier life, and the liberty to pursue your happiness.

Today, as we fight to preserve affordable health care as the right of every American, not a privilege for the few, we fight for children like Zoe Madison Lihn. Zoe was born with a congenital heart defect in May 2010. She faced her first—of three heart surgeries—at 15 hours old. By six months old, Zoe was halfway to the lifetime limit her insurer placed on her care. She faced a grim future; not only using up her lifetime limit by pre-school, but carrying a pre-existing condition that will require attention and care for the rest of her life. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, Zoe is protected. But TrumpCare puts her future in danger—higher costs, less care.

I began with Dr. Martin Luther King, and I will end with Pope Francis, who spoke of Dr.

King in his speech to Congress. As Pope Francis said: "Health is not a consumer good but a universal right, so access to health services cannot be a privilege." Our responsibility to the sick and the hurt is biblical. It is fundamental to who we are. Today, let us declare once again that affordable health care must be the right of every American—not the privilege of the few. For the sake of our values, to honor our responsibilities, to protect the health of the American people, I urged my colleagues to vote no on this moral monstrosity—the TrumpCare bill.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2017 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 29

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine Russian influence and unconventional warfare operations in the "Grey Zone", focusing on lessons from Ukraine.

SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine closing the skills gap and boosting United States competitiveness.

SD-G50

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine cleaning up our nation's Cold War legacy sites.

SD-406

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues

To hold hearings to examine United States-Mexico relationship, focusing on advancing security and prosperity on both sides of the border.

SD-419

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine a review of the defense health program and military medicine funding.

SD-192

12 noon

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine on the health of the Department of Defense industrial base, and its role in providing readiness to the warfighter.

SR-232A

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy

To hold hearings to examine American leadership in the Asia-Pacific, focusing on security issues.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine civil society perspectives on Russia.

SD-192

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management

To hold hearings to examine the effect of borrowing on Federal spending.

SD-342

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 304, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow the Indian Health Service to cover the cost of a copayment of an Indian or Alaska Native veteran receiving medical care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 343, to repeal certain obsolete laws relating to Indians, S. 381, to repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation", S. 607, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities, and S. 669, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine native youth, focusing on promoting diabetes prevention through healthy living.

SD-628

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the arc of Alzheimer's, focusing on preventing